

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in Conference Room C at Troy City Hall.

Roll Call

Present: Anju Brodbine Oniell Shah
Amin Hashmi Tom Kaszubski
Padma Kuppa Hailu Robele
Charles Yuan
Cindy Stewart, City liaison
Kara Huang, student rep

Absent: Flora Tan

Guests: Cynthia Khan
Katie Beyer

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kuppa, support by Brodbine to approve July 8, 2003 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Introductions

Cynthia Khan - from Pakistan, interested in being on board because she works with many ethnic groups. Works with Faith Lutheran Church bringing more ethnic groups to her church. They offer many multicultural programs. But she does not live in Troy so Board suggested she could be a liaison from her church to the EIA Board. Stewart will send her an agenda each month.

Katie Beyer – Interested in being a student rep to the Board to help explore and strengthen diversity within the community. She is a member of Project Lead and is involved with diversity programs at school.

Board will discuss at the end of the meeting re: recommending to City Council Katie Beyer as member of Board to Council.

New Business

- A. Presentation by Loraine Campbell, Troy Museum & Historic Village Manager
 - a. 20,000 visitors (10,000 are school children) to Museum each year

- b. In past few years, many non-English speaking people to our country as visitors or new residents. Do not have any material for self-guided tours they can use. Loraine is interested in redoing the Visitors Guide and have it translated in a few languages. Needs the EIA Board's assistance related to which languages to begin with. It would be a wonderful way to reach more ethnic groups.

Charles suggested Chinese School or other language related programs be approached as translators. Padma could find translators for Telugu, Hindi, Gujarati. Amin would assist with Urdu. Need Arabic.

No specific timeframe, but Loraine hopes to get back to Board with an English version to translate by October. Translators are welcome to visit the Museum and get a feel for the place before translating. Loraine reported that a large number of visitors this summer have been German, Chinese, Japanese and Indian.

- c. Loraine would love to work in connection with EIA Board on Diversity Week re: displays and/or lectures at Museum. She also has an idea for future children's summer program on diversity that EIA Board could help with. Loraine will come back with info in the future.

Old Business

A. Sights & Sounds

- a. Padma outlined a letter to mail to potential Sights & Sounds organizers. We need contacts for China and Greece and any other countries we are interested in. Charles has a Korean contact and Padma a Pakistani contact. Cindy will check Germany (Edith & Reinhardt Lemke).
- b. Padma will have chairperson for India Sights & Sounds come to September meeting.
- c. Tentative: January- Poland or Germany, March- Pakistan, April- Korea

B. Resource List: Cindy is still collecting info from Board members.

C. Diversity Week

- a. Anju received response from Faith Lutheran Church. Schools should respond after September. She will do an update letter and Cindy will mail to all groups again.

D. EthniCity Assistance

- a. Might not be able to provide a lot of help since Board has to man their own booth.
- b. Kara has a contact from school who has a flatbed truck for the Troy Daze Parade. Oniell will call the dad. Tom will turn in parade application. Charles, Amin and Oniell as co-chairmen. Need size of flatbed so they can order skirting. Work on getting children in costume - will meet on Sunday, September 7 at 4 pm at Anju's house. Anju will look for music to "We are the World."

- c. Booth: Troy Today page, letters to recruit Sights & Sounds, diversity week participants and liaisons
 - d. Banner - Katie would check her friend to print a banner and have it laminated at Troy High, Cindy will print photos of diversity in Troy, laminated copy of Mission Statement (11x14), Tom has display board
 - e. Send everyone schedules for booth hours and Board can fill in times they are available.
- E. Law brochures: will work with the Law Dept. to complete project.

Other

- A. Motion (EIA-2003-08-001) Beyer as student representative to Board by Kuppa, second by Robele. Approved unanimously. She will come to August 18 City Council meeting for introduction.

Motion by Brodbine, second by Shah to adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Tom Kaszubski, EIA Board Chairman

Cindy Stewart, Recording Secretary